

TLRA BOAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Adapted Jan. 2025

Overview

The TLRA lease agreement with Larimer and Weld Reservoir Company (LWRC) requires certain management and safety rules to ensure the privilege of recreating on Terry Lake property and meeting the requirements of the lease. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the number of motorized boats and watercraft on the lake, and a high demand for boat moorings. And most important, there is compelling need to assure safety for all lake users. The TLRA Board of Directors with input from Terry Lake Members have updated watercraft usage and management guidelines in adherence with recreational use of Terry Lake and developed this **Boat Management Plan**.

All TLRA members agree to the by-laws, rules, and regulations through active membership and the payment of annual dues. The TLRA Boat Management Plan is now part of member agreement. It is an all-encompassing outline of boating rules, regulations and etiquette. The TLRA Boat Management Plan may be revised by the current serving TLRA board, member input, or LWRC-requests to the TLRA Board.

Members are encouraged to provide input to the new Boat Management Plan, as well as other issues. Board meetings are held monthly, and members are encouraged to attend and bring issues, feedback and concerns to the Board.

The following sections on boat management and boat usage on Terry Lake are included in the TLRA Boat Management Plan. They are derived from the TRLA Rules and Regulations, 10.1-10.4. **The Plan revises guidelines and policies on boat storage, unidentifiable watercraft, loose watercraft and boat moorings. It also establishes a Harbor Master position for the Association.**

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Section 1 - TLRA Member acceptance of TLRA Boat Management Plan

When a member submits an annual membership payment to TLRA, they are agreeing to all bylaws, rules and regulations **and the new Boat Management Plan**. The membership agreement also includes a waiver for release of liability. See Appendix A for the complete narrative of the waiver.

Section 2 - Boat Usage & Swimming – General Rules & Safety

Boating and swimming on Terry Lake are some of our most popular recreational activities. General safety guidelines apply to all watercraft on the lake including paddle boats, paddleboards, canoes, rowing shells, kayaks and more.

Boating Safety

Please be safe using your boat/watercraft and always have it under control. Remember **a boat under sail and non-motorized watercraft always have the right-of-way over a boat under power.**

TLRA and its members abide by Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department boating regulations. (<https://cpw.state.co.us/activities/boating>). Updated in 2024, two important regulations apply to water recreation on Terry Lake:

Starting June 1, 2024, you must be at least 18 years old to operate a motorboat. If you are between 14 and 18, you can operate a motorboat if you have a boating safety certificate from an approved course.

It is required that all WATERCRAFT have one U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, more commonly known as a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board. Children 12 years of age and younger are required to wear a life jacket whenever their vessel is on the water.

Boats with motors should never travel through designated swimming areas. No watercraft is allowed in areas that have restricted access for TLRA members which includes: the Dam Area identified by “keep out” buoys, and the Lake Inlet on the west side of the lake identified by “keep out” buoys. See the Maps Section of the Plan for more detail on complete restricted access areas on the water and property around the water.

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Absolutely no activity **year-round** is permitted within 300 feet of the dike outlet on the south side of the lake. This area is extremely dangerous and is subject to strong undertow currents. Buoys mark the area during non-winter months. Boats and swimmers must not enter this area for any reason and sailing is not allowed.

There are no rescue facilities available on Terry Lake and no monitoring of winter ice depth. Extreme caution is always advised. Never swim in the lake or traverse the ice alone. There is no representation made as to the quantity or quality of water in Terry Lake by TLRA and LWRC. Be aware of the changing water level and the hazards which might appear when the water is low. Also be aware of the health issues surrounding swimming in a lake with a large goose population and significant algae level.

Boat Horsepower and Other Restrictions

No boats with motors exceeding 9.9 hp are allowed on Terry Lake. Boats, vehicles and other equipment that do not conform to the horsepower requirements may not be parked or stored in the lease area. In addition, boats or trailers not bearing a current or prior year TLRA sticker may be removed from the leased area by TLRA Board members.

Proper lighting of vessels at night is required. Having proper lighting on your boat at night will assist in avoiding collisions. Reference current boating regulations from CPW: <https://cpw.state.co.us/activities/boating>.

Boat Lighting Reference:

- Navigation Lights - Boat US Foundation
- <https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/navigation/lights>

Guests

Guests are welcome to enjoy the lake **when accompanied by active TLRA members.** Guests are not allowed to bring a boat onto the lake, except for non-motorized paddleboards, canoes, kayaks and windsurfers.

Boating and Swimming Awareness

Terry Lake is a popular lake for both boating and swimming. Boaters – please be aware of your surroundings and look out for open-water swimmers. The TLRA Board has designated safe swimming areas. Motorized boats are not allowed in the designated swim areas unless picking up or dropping off passengers. These swim areas are designated in the updated TLRA Maps and include Terry Shores Beach area, Terry Point Beach area, and Terry Cove Beach area. The TLRA Board is adding swimming safety & life vest stations that will be located at Getts Park (Terry Shores) and Terry Point beaches.

Swimming Safety

Swimmers should always be aware of motorized watercraft. If you are swimming, consider wearing a swim buoy. If swimming in open-water and/or across the lake, consider having a safety monitor with you on paddleboard/kayak/or canoe.

Emergencies

In an emergency, please call 911. If you are comfortable helping a swimmer or boater, please assist. Contact the Harbor Master or TLRA Board member as soon as possible during an emergency.

Section 3 - Boat Stickers - Boat Registration and Identification

All boats on TLRA leased property must properly display the current year TLRA sticker. The primary reasons for stickering watercraft are to identify lake users as current active members, and to return lost boats to their owners. Active members request the number of stickers they require during member registration March 1 through April 1 each year. Stickers will be mailed to active members by June 1 of each year. Additional stickers may be requested from the TLRA Treasurer at any time.

- Watercraft must be stickered every year including:
 - Pontoon type boats
 - Fishing type boats with or without motors (**motors must not exceed 9.9 HP**)
 - Sail boats
 - Canoes, kayaks and rowing shells
 - Hard sided windsurfers and paddleboards
 - Inflatable watercraft as practical

In addition, any boat trailer parked on leased property (with or without boat) must also have a current sticker.

Section 4 - Boat & Trailer Storage and Unidentifiable Watercraft and Trailers on TLRA Leased Property

Boat and Trailer Storage

In the denser neighborhoods around Terry Lake, boat storage, trailers and unused/abandoned watercraft have been an issue. The following rules and regulations apply to boat and watercraft storage.

- Only boats & trailers that are owned by **TLRA ACTIVE Members, displaying current year TLRA stickers**, and which conform to the TLRA boat type restrictions may be stored on TLRA leased property.
- All boats and watercraft of any sort must be securely tied down when not in use. This includes anchoring and securing boats in shallow water, on the beach or shoreline. Between the strong winds Terry Lake experiences and quickly changing water levels, unmanned floating boats and wind-blown boats pose a significant safety hazard to yourself, your fellow TLRA members, and our good standing with the LWRC.
- TLRA reserves the right to remove any boat from the leased area that does not meet the above requirements or poses a danger or safety issue. TLRA Board will work with the member to take action.
- Within the designated HOAs, please refer to the boat storage and parking instructions dictated by your community.
- All watercraft and trailers stored on TLRA leased property must be in good working order.
- Miscellaneous watercraft parts, supplies, or accessories may not be stored on TLRA leased property.
- Terry Point Beach Area Rule:
 - No trailers are to be stored on TLRA leased property with or without a boat. This is due to the very limited space at Terry Point Beach and to accommodate all members in the Terry Point area for use and enjoyment of beach space.

Unidentifiable Watercraft and Trailers on TLRA Leased Property

As part of the 2025 Boat Management Plan, TLRA is adopting the following guidelines for unidentified or unclaimed watercraft and trailers left on Terry Lake leased property.

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- Watercraft and/or trailers kept on Terry Lake leased property must have a current year TLRA decal that identifies the owner of the watercraft or trailer. If a current year decal is not on the watercraft or trailer it will be considered unidentifiable.
- If a watercraft or trailer has a non-current TLRA decal with the owner's name, the owner will be notified that they must either remove the watercraft or trailer or request/obtain current decals and place them on the trailer or watercraft. If this is not done within thirty (30) days of notification, then the trailer or watercraft will be treated in the same manner as unidentifiable watercraft or trailers.
- Unidentifiable Watercraft/Trailers - Watercraft or trailers on Terry Lake leased property that do not have current year TLRA decals with the owners name will be considered unidentifiable. For TLRA purposes, Colorado issued boat numbers or Colorado license plates on a trailer are not sufficient identification.

Procedure for Removal of Unidentifiable Watercraft/Trailers:

- When a watercraft or trailer is first identified as "unidentifiable" an email notice will be sent to the member requesting their watercraft/trailers obtain current year TLRA decals. The notice will contain a description of the item, at least one photograph, and its approximate location. If, after thirty (30) days, the watercraft/trailer has not been claimed or had current year TLRA decals applied, a second notice will be sent. If, fifteen (15) days after the second notice, the watercraft/trailer has not been claimed or had current year TLRA decals applied, it will be tagged for towing. A tow company will be contacted to remove and take possession of the watercraft/trailer.

Section 5 - Quagga & Zebra Mussel-free Certificate

- Effective July 1, 2016, any boats new to Terry Lake that have a live well or outboard motor must present a quagga & zebra mussel-free certificate from the state of Colorado when making an application to TLRA for a boat sticker." State inspection stations for Larimer County are located at Boyd Lake State Park, Carter Reservoir, and Horsetooth Reservoir.
- Website for additional inspections sites, instructions, fees and other information.: <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx>
- For sites not listed or for additional information please contact the CPW program office at 303- 291-7295.

Section 6 - Loose watercraft - Owner Responsibility and Recovery

High winds and varying lake levels are common on Terry Lake. Active TLRA members are responsible for secure storage of their watercraft when on shore or when moored. Loose watercrafts create a safety concern and violate the terms of our lease. The following will govern loose watercraft protocol on Terry Lake:

- Watercraft owners must always maintain secure storage of their watercraft and moorings.
- Loose watercraft on Terry Lake represent a danger and safety issue. They bring attention from the public, the Poudre Valley Fire Authority and LWRC.
- Loose boats are a risk and represent lack of management of recreation use of the lake, putting the TLRA lease with LWRC at risk.
- All watercraft owners are responsible for retrieving loose watercraft.
 - If assistance is needed contact the Harbor Master and/or a TLRA Board Member. The Board Member or Harbor Master is not responsible for recovering watercraft but will assist as feasible.
 - If an unresponsive member with a loose watercraft occurs, the TLRA Board will intervene and recover the watercraft. A TLRA watercraft recovery fee to the member will be assessed and an invoice sent to the member.
 - Each rescue of a watercraft incident without response from the member will incur a \$200.00 recovery fee.
 - Each unresponsive member with a loose watercraft incident will be contacted by the TLRA Board with an effort to educate and eliminate continual loose watercrafts occurring. This applies to all watercraft types.
 - Multiple offenses will result in a TLRA board letter, meeting with the member and possible membership suspension.

Section 7 - Boat Mooring: Moorings Protocols & Mooring Map

All members must request a mooring from the TLRA Board. This allows for proper management of boats and moorings as required by TLRA Board and LWRC.

- Boat owners that require a mooring for their boat must have the mooring plans / design of the mooring reviewed by TLRA Board for approval. **No exceptions.**
- If a TLRA member cannot build or obtain a mooring, they can contact the TLRA board, and the board will identify a resource to have a mooring built with associated costs.

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- If a member has a moored boat, they must be able to move the mooring, and/or work with the TLRA Harbor Master to have it moved when needed. Example: Ice from previous winter moves your mooring outside of the TLRA Mooring Map.
- All Moored boats are required to be moored in the designated mooring areas on Terry Lake. This is not an option. Mooring locations are defined based on where members live and the TLRA mooring map. The Harbor Master and TLRA board will assist in assigning mooring location of members mooring.
- If a member has concern on the assigned mooring location, they may attend a TLRA board meeting or contact the TLRA board to discuss their concern.
- The Mooring map areas are determined by lake safety, location to member home & beach areas, and maximizing boat usage and access based on water level adjustments.
- TLRA approved mooring design: *A recommended mooring size, weight, and materials list will be created and updated in this section a year from publishing of document.*
- All large swim docks and their proposed mooring must be submitted to the TLRA Board and receive approval.
- All moorings will be tagged with an identification number for tracking purposes. The Harbor Master will be tagging all moorings & floating rafts on Terry Lake in the season of 2025 allowing for complete identification of all moorings.

Seasonal Removal of Moored Boats

- No moored boats are allowed on the lake once ice starts to form on the water.
- If a moored boat is still present as ice forms the member will be contacted by Harbor Master and/or TLRA Board and assistance will be given to have the boat removed from the lake.
- Boats that are stored and/or used during ice formation may be left on the shore with proper anchoring.
- Dependent on ice conditions / and water levels will be a consideration each year.

Annual Spring Mooring Review & Adjustment

- The Harbor Master will review all mooring locations of members boat moorings to make sure they have not moved during winter, and they are still in designated mooring areas.
- All moorings that have been moved from mooring areas will be moved back by the boat / mooring owner each spring.

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- If assistance is needed to move mooring, the harbor master will assist or find a resource to assist or complete the relocation.

Section 8 - Harbor Master: Duties and Member Support

The TLRA Board has created and approved a Harbor Master to support TLRA members and lake activities. The position is paid with a stipend, and in partnership with the TLRA Board is the lead person for communication, support, and problem-solving on issues related to boating, swimming and fishing on Terry Lake.

The Harbor Master will be selected by the current TLRA board, and any TLRA member may submit an application. The position is not tied to the 5-year board elections and can be changed at any point via interview and selection process by the TLRA Board. An announcement will be sent out to all TLRA members when the Harbor Master position is vacant to ensure any interested members can apply.

Harbor Master Position Summary

The Harbor Master, in concert with the TLRA Board, is responsible for helping to manage activities and operations related to water recreation on Terry Lake. The role ensures the safety efficiency, and enjoyment of all water users and assists in compliance with TLRA and LWRC rules.

Key responsibilities of the Harbor Master include safety oversight, assuring TLRA members and guests are abiding by rules and regulations, and assisting with a variety of water recreation issues including loose boat rescue, and communication between boaters and swimmers.

Along with the TLRA Board, the Harbor Master is a key point of contact for lake recreation questions and concerns. They will be a primary implementor of the new Mooring Map, complete an inventory of existing moorings, assure boat owners acquire needed assistance to maintain or move moorings, and review mooring locations annually. For a full Harbor Master job description, please see Appendix B.

Section 9 - TLRA Member Boat Launching Ramps and Access

- All TLRA members may utilize the boat launch areas around Terry Lake. Since all launch areas have gates for access control, members, must contact the TLRA Board member of the boat launch area preferred for assistance.
- A list of TLRA Board members can be found on the TLRA website. The Harbor Master can also assist with boat ramp access.

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- It is required that multiple days' notice be given to the area's contact to allow proper planning for access.

Section 10 - TLRA Maps:

- Boat Mooring Map
 - Purpose: Defines the approved mooring locations for all members.
 - ***(Insert Map Link)***
- TLRA Lake Map
 - This new updated map defines the following areas around the lake:
 - Approved green space & walking path areas
 - Identified lake access points open to all members
 - Inlet and outlets for lake ***(Off Limits to all members and guests at all times)***
 - Boat Launch Areas
 - Swim only areas
 - Terry Lake Island (Off Limits Months Identified)
 - ***(Insert Map Link)***

Appendix A: Waiver and Release Liability

By issuing the appropriate funds and renewing my membership with Terry Lake Recreation Association (TLRA), or joining Terry Lake Recreation Association, I/we acknowledge that Waiver and Release of Liability using Terry Lake involves certain hazards, including but not limited to the risk of injury or death from accidental drowning, sun exposure, and other risks inherent to outdoor activities. Use of Terry Lake will be at my sole and absolute risk. I/we agree to take appropriate safety precautions to protect myself, my family members, and invitees who are using Terry Lake. My/our failure, or the failure of my/our family members or invitees to take appropriate safety precautions when using Terry Lake, shall in no way result in, or expose the Association to, liability for damages that I/we or my family or guests may suffer while using Terry Lake. I/we also acknowledge that I/we have access to and have read and agree that I/we will abide by all the rules and regulations (including the new TLRA Boat Management Regulation Plan released in 2025) of Terry Lake Recreation Association. I/we also agree to ensure that all of our family members, invitees, or guests will abide by the rules and regulations of Terry Lake Recreation Association. I/we, on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors, and assigns, hereby waive all claims of liability that I/we may have at any time in the future that result from my use of Terry Lake. I/we further agree, on my/our behalf and on behalf of all my/our successors, heirs, and assigns not to sue the Association and hold harmless the Association, its directors, officers, agents, members, managers, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, demands, and costs (including reasonable attorney fees) arising from any property damage, personal injury, or death that I, or any of my/our family members, invitees, or guests may suffer as a result of using Terry Lake. I/we further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless TLRA, its officers, directors, members, employees and agents from any and all loss, damage, injury or other claims of whatsoever nature occasioned by or arising from my/our use and/or of any use by my/our family members, invitees, or guests of Terry Lake.

Appendix B -- Harbor Master Job Description

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Position Summary:

The Harbor Master, in concert with the TLRA Board, is responsible for helping to manage activities and operations related to water recreation on Terry Lake. The role ensures the safety efficiency, and enjoyment of all water users and assists in compliance with TLRA and LWRC rules.

Key Responsibilities

Safety Oversight

- Assure TLRA members and guests are aware of safety regulations and in compliance with state watercraft rules.
- Assists with loose boat rescue.
- Increases communication and support between swimmers and boaters.

Facility Management

- Implements a mooring map for designated placement of moored boats.
- Completes an annual mooring location inventory and review including tagging of all buoys.
- Helps to install and manage safety stations at TLRA beaches.
- Assures swimming areas are marked and designated each season.
- Assist with access and usage of boat ramp access areas around the lake with TLRA members.

TLRA Members and Guest Assistance

- Supports boat owners in new or existing mooring placements and getting boats off the lake before winter.
- Provides guidance and support to lake users regarding boat regulations, management and mooring.
- Along with TLRA Board members, the Harbor Master serves as a point of contact for questions and concerns.
- Maintains a welcoming environment for all TLRA members and guests.

Regulations and Permits

- Monitors unauthorized activities or watercraft.
- The Harbor Master with support from the TLRA Board enforces lake restrictions / rules / regulations.

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- Promotes sustainable practices among lake users, such as proper waste disposal, and general promotion of a healthy and safe environment.
- May assist with neighborhood events related to use of the lake.
- Provides regular updates to TLRA Board.

Qualifications:

- Strong knowledge of water safety and small watercraft operations.
- Full knowledge of TLRA rules and regulations and requirements of the binding agreements under the lake lease with LWRC. Familiarity with local and Colorado regulations regarding water recreation.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and respond effectively in emergencies.
- Basic mechanical or facility maintenance skills preferred.
- Ability to work outdoors in various conditions.
- Capability to lift and move equipment and watercraft.
- Time commitment: Has the ability to have the time to support the listed areas of position.