

## Lake and Princess Pond Rules & Regulations:

### 1. General Guidelines:

- A. Queens Lake is a privately-maintained 77.15-acre fresh water lake (65+/- acres of water surface) that includes Princess Pond. Queens Lake is owned and controlled by the Queens Lake Community Association, Inc. (QLCA).
- B. Queens Lake and Princess Pond are available for the use of all **Association Members in good standing**, their families and accompanied guests. Guests using Member's boats on the pond or lake must be accompanied by a Queens Lake Association Member or a member of their family.
- C. All deeds for lakeside property define the property line along the lake as a line two feet above the high-water level (EI 11.25). Thus, privately built piers and boats in the lake are on Association property and are permitted only for properties with current paid dues. Piers are permitted to extend up to maximum 20 feet length, 400 sq. ft., and single level into the lake property/water. No alteration of the lake shoreline may be made without permission in writing from the Association (QLCA).

### 2. Operation of Boats:

- A. All boat owners must obtain an identification number for their boat and annual boat permit sticker from the QLCA office. The ID numbers should be three inches tall. ID number and boat permit sticker are to be displayed on both sides of the bow of the boat.
- B. The ID numbers should be three inches tall and are to be displayed on both sides of the boat.
- C. The use of motors, except small electric motors, on the lake and pond is prohibited. Special permission, when treating the lake, removing debris, surveying, or building and maintenance of piers should be obtained from the Lake Committee. Requests should be directed through the QLCA office.
- D. Members are responsible for the operation of water craft when used on the lake by members, guests and/or children. All boaters should carry proper flotation devices while using boats, one for each person in the boat.
- E. Littering, unruly behavior, loud music and other acts of anti-social behavior will not be tolerated and may result in loss of use of lake.

### 3. Fishing:

- A. Fishing is a privilege afforded by the Association to its Members, other persons within their immediate family, and their guests. It is to be conducted from registered boats or Association–Member owned docks on the lake only.
- B. Fishing from the bridge is for Association members only and their guests. A pedestrian bridge fishing pass is available at the QLCA office.
- C. Virginia fishing laws apply and require a fishing license for anyone fishing on Queens Lake 16 years or older.
- D. Taking fish from the lakes by means of seining, snagging, snaring, grabbing, dipping, giggering or use of explosives is prohibited.
- E. Trash, tangled line, bait must be removed. Do not discard into lake.
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  - i. The lake is primarily catch and release: being shallow and not very large, it can be overfished.
  - ii. Members who wish to keep some for dinner are urged to keep only enough for one family meal at a time and only a few times a year.
  - iii. Citation (trophy) fish should be measured, photographed and released. See the Virginia Fisheries regulations to have your catch officially recorded.  
Bass: Slot limit: 13 – 15 inches. A citation is 8 lbs. or 22 inches.  
Red-ear sunfish (aka Shellcracker): Catch and release only. A citation is 1 lb. or 11 inches.  
Crappie: Slot limit: 10 – 13 inches. A citation is 2 lbs. or 15 inches.

Bluegill: No recommendation. A citation is 1 lb. or 11 inches.

Eels and catfish: Release to Queens Creek or eat. Please do NOT put them back into the lake.

Grass carp: No recommendation. Grass carp were introduced to the lake for weed control. Their use is no longer used and may be removed from the lake.

4. **Swimming:**

The lake is a man-made lake, built in 1924, over a former swamp with a constant flowing stream. There are many obstructions such as duck blinds (some still standing below the water line), trees, etc. The lake also contains wildlife such as snakes, turtles, etc., which make the lake an unsafe place to swim. Swimming is prohibited.

5. **Ice Skating:**

Walking on ice or ice skating on Princess Pond or Queens Lake is prohibited. The Queens Lake Community Association, Inc. specifically denies any responsibility or liability for injuries suffered, loss of property or death that may occur as a result of ice skating or walking on these frozen bodies of water.

6. **Rights of Way:**

There are four rights of way on Queens Lake and Princess Pond and three small Association-owned fishing piers on the lake. There is one access right-of-way to Queens Creek on Dennis Drive. They are maintained for the convenience of all Queens Lake Association Members. Parking spaces are not available at these access points and lack of shoulders makes parking hazardous at these sites.

7. **Piers and Responsibilities of Lakeside Property Owners:**

A Pier form must be presented for approval to the Lake Committee prior to start of construction. Per York County Planning Department, Queens Lake is outside of the jurisdiction of York County Wetlands Board; Queens Lake is manmade and outside jurisdiction of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC); Queens Lake is not navigable and outside jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). Replacement of existing docks may not exceed 20 feet, 400 sq. ft., and single level into QLCA property/water. Lakeside property owners should also remove unusable boats, hulls and piers from the lakeside and make sure debris does not accumulate and create an eyesore. Applications are available on the website or at the QLCA office and are submitted to the QLCA office for processing.

8. **Wildlife:**

Feeding wild animals increases the spread of rabies and other diseases, and can attract predators. Per Code of Virginia, it is illegal to feed deer from September 1 to the first Saturday in January. It is illegal to feed bear all year long.

Trash, tangled line, bait must be removed. Do not discard into lake.

Feeding wildlife is prohibited on QLCA property (e.g. lake and access points).

9. **Slingshots and Bows and Arrows**

The use of sling shots and bows and arrows on the lake is prohibited.

10. **Lake Maintenance and Water Quality:**

- A. Supervision of Queens Lake and Princess Pond, the associated dams, community access and dock locations, tributaries and watershed are managed by the QLCA Lake Committee.
- B. Periodic evaluation, maintenance and/or treatment of the lake and lake resources will be performed by or under the supervision of the Lake Committee.
- C. Notice will be distributed to all QLCA residents, particularly lakeside property owners, regarding maintenance, duration, safety and impact of periodic water quality treatments.

- D. QLCA members, residents and lakeside property owners bear responsibility of Lake Maintenance and Water Quality as well.
- E. Lawn fertilizing shall be kept to a minimum. Run-off to be prevented according to current county and state regulations.
- F. Septic fields and tanks (active or abandoned) and underground oil/gas storage tanks are the property owner's responsibility.
- G. Erosion, downed trees and/or landscape debris are property owner's responsibility and must be removed from QLCA property and lake. Written notification by the Lake Committee may be issued to lakeside property owners with concerns with dead, dying or potential leaning trees and potential liabilities. Irrigation pumps in the lake must be registered with the QLCA office.
- H. Trees, natural vegetation and ground cover may not be removed or disturbed without permission of the Lake Committee and/or York County RPA office. (Reminder QLCA property line extends to two feet above the lake high water level.)

11. **Walking Bridge at the dam:**

- A. The sewer/pedestrian bridge is on a county sewer easement over private property (QLCA). It is not a county public walkway. Control of the Bridge is the responsibility of QLCA. York County is responsible for maintenance of bridge.
- B. Use of the Walking Bridge is reserved exclusively for the **Resident Members of the Queens Lake Community Association** and their households.
- C. **Resident Members of the QLCA** and their household wishing to fish from the bridge must request a Bridge Fishing Pass from the QLCA office. A valid VA fishing license is required for all fishing folks, 16 years or older.
- D. Guests of Resident Members fishing from the bridge must be accompanied by a Queens Lake Association member.
- E. Safety and Courtesy:
  - i) Chairs, large coolers, glass, or picnic items are not permitted.
  - ii) Multiple and/or unattended rods are prohibited.
  - iii) Trash, tangled line, bait must be removed. Do not discard into lake.
  - iv) All Queens Lake fishing rules apply including "catch and release".
  - v. No parking spaces at the bridge landing points are available. Parking is available at the QLCA Pool/Tennis court parking lots.

12. **Privileges:**

In keeping with the QLCA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 7: "In case of infraction of the Bylaws or Rules of the Association, the Board of Directors may suspend any or all privileges of any person of the Household of any Member for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Board. The Member shall be given fourteen (14) days' notice of the meeting at which the suspension is to be considered and shall have the right to be present at such meeting or to be represented there and to be heard."